

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application is respectfully requested.

1. Status of the Claims

Claims 5, 7, 10-12 and 14-19 are pending in this application.

2. Judicially Created Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 5, 7, 10-12 and 14-19 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7, 8 and 11 of copending Application No. 09/661,139.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over the pending application. Applicants therefore request the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, claims 5, 7, 10-12 and 14-19 are allowable. An early indication of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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